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Attachment 02

To: State Board of Fire Services

From: Dawn Robinson, Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Specialist), State Fire Training

SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:

Glendale Fire Department Accredited Local Academy (ALA) Application

Recommended Actions:

Approval of Glendale Fire Department as an Accredited Local Academy in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for the initial accreditation period of three years.

Background Information:

An accreditation site visit was conducted on January 24, 2018 at the Glendale Fire Department Headquarters located at 541 West Chevy Chase Drive Glendale, CA 91204. The accreditation team consisted of Dawn Robinson, Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Specialist); Ken Vollenweider, Supervising Deputy State Fire Marshal; Steve Schull, State Training Education Advisory Committee; Gary Dominguez, Fire Technology Director Santa Ana College; and Fred Ramsey, Lead Instructor Santa Ana College. Representing Glendale Fire Department were Greg Fish, Fire Chief; Bill Lynch, Deputy Chief; Bill Bailey, Academy Lead Evaluator; and Brian Richey, Training Chief.

The Glendale Fire Department began its inception in 1907 with a Fire Chief, Assistant, Fire Chief and has maintained a progressive attitude toward making necessary changes, and evolving to maintain a continued relevancy in the fire service; complying with new regulations and industry standards, and continuing to employ best practices. On July 1, 1922, the last of the volunteers phased out with paid fire fighters. At this time, the department consisted of the Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, 11 drivers and 15 fire fighters. At that time, one fire station existed with two additional fire stations built in 1926. Currently, Glendale Fire Department has nine fire stations, fleet maintenance center, communications center, fire training center, environmental management center and a fire prevention department.

The ALA Application was approved by STEAC on April 13, 2018.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

A tour of the training facilities, located at the Glendale Fire Department Training Center provides sufficient classroom space with facilities and props to teach a wide variety of hands-on training to meet the needs of the Fire Fighter I fire academy. Also impressive is the Ambulance Operator program in which Glendale Fire Department utilizes as a recruitment tool when the individuals are hired they attend paramedic school as part of the Fire Fighter 1 Fire Academy. Upon returning from paramedic school, the individuals begin the Fire Fighter 1 academy all while employed by Glendale Fire Department. Other recruitment and public relations best practices are a mobile app on their website available to the public and five recruitment videos that utilize current Glendale Fire Department fire fighters telling their personal story of how they became Glendale Fire Department fire fighters and what it means to them.

The Glendale Fire Department utilizes input from the ALA Advisory Committee consisting of Chief Officers, Fire Captains, Fire Engineers and Glendale Verdugo Community College Fire Academy Coordinators to identify the training and educational needs of the fire department. The Glendale Fire Department in cooperation with the Glendale Community College, Verdugo Fire Academy have planned a multi-million-dollar upgrade to the training facility which includes a new burn building, offices, classrooms, locker rooms, and apparatus bays. Ground breaking to take place February 1, 2018 with a completion date of June 1, 2018.

The site team and the SFT staff support the accreditation of the Glendale Fire Department as an ALA.